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FRANK MURPHY - President,

45, Ferndale Avenue,

Wallsend, Northumberland.

Hon. President: Bing Crosby.

Dear Club member,

The re-introduction of club supplements marks another step forward in the continued progress of our club for Bing. I have felt for sometime now that this would be a most worthy addition to our other functions and both Jack and I are agreed that it will provide a useful means of passing late news items on to you - indeed this first supplement provides the means of letting you read a very important letter from Bing himself, which arrived a few days after the June issue of Post had been completed, I'm sure that like me, you will be delighted to read Bing's personal letter containing so many interesting points re his future show biz activities.

As you will note from the enclosed copy of Crosby Post, I have taken over the editing of the magazine - I would mention that had Jack Manners not agreed to step up to the position of Co-President of the Society, I would have found it most difficult to find the great amount of time needed to devote to this chore. Jack will now be handling all renewals and other club duties as mentioned from time to time and I would ask you to kindly give Jack your full support and make this effort on his part as co-operative between officer and member as possible - Re my own efforts as editor, pending the appointment of another editor for Crosby Post, I shall continue to edit the club magazine, and I would also mention that even after another editor is appointed, I shall reserve the right to continue editing Crosby Post supplements myself and also to have a final say in material used in C.P. - There were certain comments and views in the April issue of Crosby Post which were the cause of my receiving a number of complaints from the members - these views were not of my origin, and a situation which could cause a similar position cannot be permitted in the future - our club has for many many years been based upon the happy friendships we all share and enjoy, let's work to keep it that way;

AUCTION MART

further items for disposal

Mr Alan Lurie, 22 St James Rd, Salford 7, Lancs has about 80 spare records of Bing for disposal - Alan would like to purchase a copy of Bing's 10" L.P. titled "The Quiet Man";

Mr Frank Hatwell, 240, Gillicott Rd, Birmingham 16, offers Volumes, One, Two and Three of "OLD MASTERS" without covers for the inclusive price of 50/- - three terrific L.P.s for 50/-, here's a real bargain;

Regarding Auction/Mart, in September we are issuing a special issue of Auction/Mart which will be devoted solely to the sale, exchange and purchase of Crosby records and tapes - members who'd like to list their requirements in this first issue of Auction/Mart should mail me their copy by September 1st - cpst for adverts is at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ per word, please include your remittance with your advert, ie Frank Hatwell's ad above would work out at 1/5 - members in difficulty should enclose a s.a.e. and I will advise advert cost by return;

BING CROSBY - HOLLYWOOD

Las Cruces
May 26, 1962

Dear Frank;

Thanks for your letter. The autographed photo you asked for for Don Woolland is en route.

I was lunching with Bob Hope the other day and we discussed the possibility of doing a picture in India - another Road picture, probably "The Road to Calcutta" or "The Road to Bombay".

The Indian Government makes some very attractive inducements down there to get people to film in India, and we may be able to work out a mutually agreeable arrangement.

I hope to do the "Devil's Advocate" this fall, but they hav'nt got a completed script yet, or a cast, and so the whole project is very much up in the air. I understand they want Alec Guinness for the part, and candor compels me to admit he would certainly be much better - but I would like to try the role if it's offered to me, in any case.

I'm feeling quite well again. I've been down in Mexico off and on almost entirely since February. Just went up to Hollywood to do a television show. It turned out rather well - the TV show. I imagine you'll see it in England soon.

Had Bob Hope on, and Gary Crosby, Edie Adams, Pete Fountain and his clarinet, and an act called The Smothers Brothers, who I think you'll find very funny.

I didn't see the show, because shortly after taping it, I came back to Mexico for the fishing, but the reviews were uniformly good, and I imagine when you see it, it will entertain you.

Please give my very best to all the members -

Always your friend,

BC:In

Signed BING

just to prove, if proof is needed, that all Bing fans are not 'old fogies' it gives me great pleasure to re-print a letter recently recieved and which is now on its way to Bing in Hollywood;

from:- 65, Ewydehurst Road, Addiscombe, Croydon, Surrey;

Dear Bing,

I am twelve years old on July the fourth, and I would very much like to join your fan club. I have seen many of your films, and I like them very much, as well as your records. Please could I have a picture of you with your autograph. And could you please tell me when your birthday is. Could you tell me if I can be in your fan club;

Thankyou, love,

Gillian Watts xxx

"BING PLAQUES"

As we close for press there is no news yet from the Crosby Office re the above - members who have their names on the order list will be advised as soon as we have news to pass on;

IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY - this is the title of a very interesting article just recieved from our ever active Northants member, Stan White, this article, which will appear in the August issue of Crosby Post, is devoted to a new singer in the Crosby tradition, by the name of Selwyn Cox.

We know that club members will give full approval to the news that we recently mailed a letter to Mrs Bing Crosby inviting "Tex", Mary Frances and baby Nathaniel Crosby to become 'club cubs' in our Society - we hope to have some news for you in the next issue of Crosby Post;

Club members who recently recieved their copies of the Camp Singalong L.P from the USA would be highly delighted with this great record - the tone of this L.P. is truly something and incidentally members who bought this LP got a real good bargain for the price should really have been about 50/-, Mr Gary Kay very kindly waved any arrears aside when we told him the members had already been advised of the 40/- price tag;

Members who are following Decca's great Ace of Hearts series will get a nice surprise on playing the new L.P. on that label by The Andrews Sisters AM 21, for on Rum and Coca Cola, Bing gets a nice mention from the girls.- whilst on this subject, hows about a few members writing in to Decca suggesting an L.P. on this label featuring BING & THE ANDREWS SISTERS" what a seller this would be;

Would contributors please note that all material for the next issue of Crosby Post (August) should be sent in by July 20th;

+ RELEASES IN THE RECORD FIELD

+ Two more releases on which Bing is featured have come to our attention; there are;-

+ Al Jolson with Bing Crosby and the Mills Brothers; Brunswick 12" L.P.

+ Sing-along with Bing; Warner bros E.P.

+ As these items have not yet been recieved, they will be reviewed in the next issue;

+ A few copies of the souvenir programme featuring Bing on his visit to Ireland, are still available for new members who'd like a copy - to obtain one send 6d in stamps;

+ In the next issue of Crosby Post we hope to present a full page photo of the terrific American Decca display on the 15 L.P. set, "BING'S HOLLYWOOD" which was so kindly sent over by our Hon Vice Pres, Larry Crosby - I was quite amazed when this package arrived from the Crosby office and found that when erected the display stood 4' high and over 6' wide, with 15 great photos in superb color this magnificent set will occupy a place of honor at all future club meetings;

+ A photo of this display has been sent to British Decca in the hope that it will influence them to give this set similar coverage on its British release;

STOP PRESS

Re our projected magazine "THE ROAD TO DUBLIN" (Crosby Post page 7)

Will members please note that the closing date for orders has been extended to July 10th - this will enable overseas members to send their orders in too (thanks to Keith Hyde of Australia for drawing attention to the too early closing date of many club offers)

To illustrate the Road to Dublin we plan to use about 9 full page photos of Bing in Ireland.

Also, re the negatives mentioned in Crosby Post - We have now had prints made from these and the position re members obtaining these photos rests largely on what response is shown by the members. There are nearly 40 great shots of Bing with his Irish admirers and through the kind permission of George O' Reilly these are to be made available - so when you write in to have your name placed on the order list for the magazine, will you also mention whether you'll be interested in obtaining sets of the actual photos taken on this memorable occasion - these photos will be made available in post card size;

Whilst taking about George I felt this would be a good time to re-print part of a letter just received from him - George writes:-

"Bing has been attending to a great deal of his outstanding correspondence lately and, as you learned from your letter, he is now in excellent health again. I am writing to him in an effort to get he and Bob Hope interested in doing a film in Ireland entitled "The Road TO DUBLIN" and if you and any other members of the club feel that this would be a good idea, I should be glad of your support in any letters that may go to Bing in the future. I have in mind, of course, the usual humorous type of "Road" film based around their search for their Irish ancestors and I feel sure that, with the scenery and the supporting Irish artists, an exciting project could ensue.

You can be sure George that the club will most certainly back your great idea - such a film would provide a terrific draw and as well as getting Der Bingle back on this side of the Atlantic could well out to be one of Bing's most remembered films, having in mind the terrific success of "The Quiet Man" some years ago, it immediately sprang to my mind that with the situation George mentions above, Bing and Bob could have a tremendous success;

Another interesting news item comes our way from friend Don Woolland who writes:-

"I see ROAD TO HONG KONG" is out on release again, this time on what remains of the Gaumont circuit, (80 halls) This proves that it has done good biz on its first release with Rank, so far only three others have done this:- The Young Ones with Cliff Richard, Comancheros with John Wayne, and The Parent Trap with Hayley Mills - Don also endorses our comments when he says of the planned 'Road' film - "I HOPE THEY MAKE PROPER USE OF DOROTHY LAMOUR."